

Hebrews.(2)

1:1-3. The higher authority is of importance. The Hebrew/Jew will be thinking about who has the greater knowledge on a subject and thereby have the position of stating a fact with authority. First God spoke to the fathers such as Noah, Abraham, and Moses. Then next God spoke through the prophets with visions and dreams. In these next verses, we see one more level of authority the Jew would refer to.

1:4-14. **Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**

Angels are above prophets. They have great power and special authority to operate mostly in the spiritual world but at times can be seen by man and they do things that are beyond human ability. As such they could acquire a certain level of respect. [Heb 13:2](#) **Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained **angels** unawares.**

I want to bring in a side comment for our greater understanding. There are two major groups of Angels, one is called Angels and the other is called demons. Since they all have been created by God, we can assume they have the same ability. But of course their nature is entirely different. Therefore it is necessary to know the difference. 2Cor11:14 **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

But let's continue with the good part.

Vs7 **And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire**

Vs14 **Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**

These two verses give us insight about the purpose of Angels. They are God's ministers, or *servants, to do his pleasure*. It is the glory of God that he has such servants; it is yet more so that he does not need them. He makes them spirits and a flame of fire, that is, God endows them with light and zeal, with activity and ability, readiness and resolution to do His/God's pleasure.

But what is said about the Son? That is the main subject.

**Vs4. more excellent name**

**Vs5. Thou art my **Son**, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a **Father**, and he shall be to me a Son?**

**Vs6. And let all the angels of God **worship** him.**

**Vs7. Thy **throne**, O God, *is for ever* and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the **sceptre** of thy kingdom.**

The name the Son receives is of great dignity. Being a Father to the Son gives Him the highest authority therefore to worship Him is to be expected. God declares his dignity and dominion, as having a throne, and therefore a kingdom, and a sceptre of that kingdom. He has all right, rule, authority, and power, from everlasting to everlasting, through all the ages of time

**Vs9. therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

Christ has the name Messiah from his being anointed. God's anointing of Christ signifies both his qualifying him for the office of the Mediator with the Holy Spirit and all his graces, and likewise his inauguration of him into the office, just as the prophets, priests, and kings, were by anointing.

**Vs10. laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:**

The Lord Christ had the original right to govern the world, because he made the world in the beginning. he not only founded the earth, but the heavens too are the work of his hands, both the habitation and the inhabitants, the hosts of heaven, the angels themselves; and therefore he must needs be infinitely superior to them.

Vs11-12. They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

This world has passed through many changes, and shall pass through more; it changes like a garment, has lost much of its beauty and strength; it grew old on the first apostasy, and it has been getting older and growing weaker ever since; it bears the symptoms of a dying world. Sin has made a great change in the world for the worse, and Christ will make a great change in it for the better.

Vs13. Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

All the enemies of Christ shall be made his footstool, either by humble submission and entire subjection to his will casting themselves down at his feet, or by utter destruction; he shall trample upon those who continue obstinate, and shall trample over them. God the Father has undertaken for this, and he will see it done, yea, he will himself do it;

Meanwhile, Christ shall go on to rule and reign till this be done; he shall not leave any of his great designs unfinished, he shall go on conquering and to conquer. And He has His Angels on duty around us. This is what gives us peace and security for the future.

In these verses it has been established that the Son is completely different than anyone else that has attempted to explain God's will and heart. What is our response?